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I USED TO BE ROCK. JUST ANOTHER ROBOT HELPING IN DR. LIGHT'S LAB...

...BUT THEN HIS FRIEND-- **FORMER** FRIEND -- DOCTOR WILY STOLE THE ROBOT MASTERS. HE WANTS TO USE THEIR POWERS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

PART FOUR: FINALE: SHOWDOWN GET!

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I *PROMISED* I WOULD *STAND UP AND FIGHT TO SAVE EVERYONE AS* ***MEGA MAN.***

IT'S NOT AN EASY PROMISE TO KEEP!

SLAM!

AAH! WHAT *IS* THIS THING?

...TO THE EYE!

YOU'RE TOUGH, BUT I BEAT ALL SIX ROBOT MASTERS! I COPIED *ALL* THEIR ADVANCED WEAPONS! WE'LL SEE HOW MUCH YOU LIKE A THUNDER BEAM...

NO...I CAN'T DO THAT.

I LET THE POWER GO TO MY HEAD ONCE ALREADY. I NEVER WANT TO FRIGHTEN ROLL LIKE THAT AGAIN...*

**SEE LAST ISSUE.*

I'LL STOP YOU WITH THE MEGA BUSTER DR. LIGHT TRUSTED ME WITH FROM THE BEGINNING!

RWORGH!

HA! THERE'S ONE PART OF YOU THAT ISN'T GOOEY!

ARRGH!

...I COULD USE SOME ADVICE RIGHT ABOUT NOW, DR. LIGHT...

...BUT YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO HELP ME...

...IF YOU'VE GONE SILENT, THAT MEANS DR. WILY IS BLOCKING YOU OUT...

...AND THAT I'VE GOT TO DO THIS ON MY OWN!

KAWA!

=WHEW=

OH, COOL! A TELEPORT CHAMBER!

I BET I CAN GET TO THE CENTER OF THIS PLACE WITHOUT HAVING TO...

...OH.

THERE'S NO ESCAPE THIS TIME! WE *WILL* HAVE A PROPER BATTLE!

THE ROBOT MASTERS?! DR. WILY REPAIRED YOU?!

YOU MADE A MOCKERY OF US, KID, AND *I*, FOR ONE, WILL *NOT* TOLERATE THAT.

FINE! I'LL FIGHT YOU ALL AGAIN! ONLY THIS TIME, I HAVE *ALL* YOUR WEAPONS AND I KNOW ALL YOUR WEAK-NESSES!

I CAN TEAR YOU ALL APART!

KZZT

BUT I DON'T WANT TO.

WHAT ARE YOU ...?!

DR. LIGHT BUILT YOU TO HELP PEOPLE AND DO THE JOBS HUMANS CAN'T DO SAFELY.

HE BUILT *ME* TO HELP HIM BUILD AND REPAIR YOU.

YOU'RE HELPING DR. WILY TAKE OVER THE WORLD. ME FIGHTING YOU LIKE THIS...

...THIS ISN'T WHAT WE WERE *MEANT* TO DO.

WHAT DR. WILY IS USING YOU FOR IS *WRONG*. AND IT'S WASTING YOUR TRUE POTENTIAL.

COME BACK TO LIGHT LABS WITH ME. DR. LIGHT CAN FIX YOUR PROGRAMMING...

...AND YOU CAN START DOING SOME *GOOD*.

DR. LIGHT WOULD REALLY ...TAKE US BACK...?

YOU'RE SAYING THIS WORLD CONQUEST IS...UNJUST?

WE CAN'T GO AGAINST OUR PROGRAMMING. DR. WILY ORDERS US, AND WE MUST OBEY.

YEAH, BUT LOOK AT ME!

I WASN'T PROGRAMMED TO FIGHT. I'M FIGHTING BECAUSE I'M PROGRAMMED TO HELP!

LET DR. LIGHT REPROGRAM YOU, AND YOU CAN HELP MAKE A WORLD EVEN DR. WILY WOULDN'T REFUSE.

I THINK HE'S RIGHT. LET'S CUT OUT ALL THE FIGHTING.

WAIT, GUYS...

SORRY, KID, BUT I SEE MY JOBS THROUGH TO THE END.

NO! HE BEAT US, AND IT JUST MADE HIM STRONGER! NOW WE GOTTA BEAT HIM AND BECOME STRONGER OURSELVES!

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO, YA BIG LUG?!

NO! HE IS RIGHT! THE FLAMES OF JUSTICE WILL NOT BURN HIM!

I DON'T EVEN USE FIRE!

IT'S A META-PHOR!

NO! STOP!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT PROGRAMMING OR ORDERS! YOU ROBBED ME OF MY DIGNITY, AND I'LL...

SAVE IT, SHORT STUFF! INFIGHTING PARTY! *WOO!*

BOOM! BOOM!

BOOM! BOOM!

WELL...IF YOU'RE FIGHTING EACH OTHER, I GUESS IT MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO DO IT...

HMM...

...THIS COULD BE A PROBLEM.

OH! I KNOW! I'LL USE THE MAGNET BEAM DR. LIGHT GAVE ME!

THIS IS THE COOLEST WEAPON EVER!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS ROOM FOR...?

WHA-HA-HA-HA! YOU'VE FALLEN FOR MY FINAL TRAP!

DOCTOR WILY?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

THOMAS THINKS HE'S SO SMART WITH HIS VARIABLE TOOL SYSTEM AND HIS FANCY-SCHMANCY COPY CHIP, DOES HE?

IF YOU'RE SO SPECIAL, MEGA MAN, HOW CAN I COPY YOU SO EASILY?

NO WAY!

UM...HELLO? YOU'RE A COPY OF ME, SO THAT MEANS YOU'RE NICE, RIGHT?

NO, OF COURSE NOT.

OKAY, YOU CAN MATCH MY MEGA BUSTER, BUT CAN YOU MATCH THE...

--SUPER ARM?!

AT LEAST YOU CAN'T COPY MY MAGNET BEAM...

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO...

KA-BOOM!

THERE HE IS! DR. WILY COMMANDS THAT WE DESTROY A MEGA MAN!

ATTACK!

UM...?

IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID...

YOU WERE PROGRAMMED TO HELP PEOPLE, SO HERE YOU ARE FIGHTING.

WE WERE ORDERED TO DESTROY ONE MEGA MAN. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.

MISSION *VERY* ACCOMPLISHED!

I UNDERSTAND. THANKS, GUYS. DO YOU WANT TO COME WITH ME THE REST OF THE WAY?

OUR PROGRAMMING PREVENTS US FROM DIRECTLY OPPOSING DR. WILY...

...AND BETWEEN THIS ATTACK AND OUR LITTLE *"ARGUMENT,"* WE'RE OUT OF AMMUNITION.

THAT'S *OKAY.*

I'LL GO STOP DR. WILY NOW, AND THEN DR. LIGHT WILL FIX ALL OF YOU!

RRARGH! SO MUCH FOR BEING "ROBOT MASTERS"! IF YOU WANT A ROBOT SCRAPPED...

...YOU JUST HAVE TO DO IT YOUR-SELF!

GET OUT OF HERE! I'LL HANDLE HIM!

BOOM!

"HANDLE" ME?! YOU CAN'T "HANDLE" ME!

YOU'RE A HELPER ROBOT, ROCK! YOU HAND TOOLS TO COMPETENT PEOPLE!

YOU'RE NO GREAT WARRIOR! YOU'RE A JANITOR! A GO-FOR! A LACKEY!

I COULD'VE STOLEN YOU WITH THE REST OF THE ROBOT MASTERS, BUT I DIDN'T, AND DO YOU KNOW WHY? YOU WEREN'T WORTH THE EFFORT!

SO WHY DON'T YOU STOP HIDING SO I CAN VAPORIZE YOU AND SAVE YOU ANY FURTHER EMBARRASS-MENT...?

I'M NOT EMBARRASSED, DR. WILY.

I HAVE A CREATOR WHO CARES FOR ME AND DOES ALL HE CAN TO SUPPORT ME.

I HAVE A SISTER WHO LOVES ME AND FORGAVE ME FOR BEING STUPID.

YOU HAD TO STEAL DR. LIGHT'S ROBOTS TO GET ATTENTION. EVEN THOUGH YOU REPRO-GRAMMED THEM, YOU COULDN'T STOP A "LACKEY" LIKE ME.

SO WHICH ONE OF US SHOULD *REALLY* BE EMBARRASSED, DOCTOR WILY?

GYAH!

CLICK
CLICK
OH, COME ON...
WHA-? WHA-HA? *WHA-HA-HA-HA-HA!* NOT SO TOUGH WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF AMMO, ARE YOU, *BOY?!*
YOU CAN'T ATTACK ME, AND I CAN STILL FLY! I WIN BY DEFAULT!
HAHAHA! THAT'S RIGHT! *RUN!* RUN FROM THE BRILLIANT DR. WILY.
NO! *NO!* GET AWAY FROM ME!

BLAM!

WELL... YOU'VE WON, THOMAS. IN THE END, THE BRUTE FORCE OF YOUR ROBOTS CONQUERED THE CUNNING OF MY GENIUS.

I WILL AT LEAST DIE WITH THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING *I* WAS THE BETTER MAN.

COME ON, DR. WILY! IT'S NOT SAFE IN THERE!

ARE YOU HURT? I'M SURE THE POLICE WILL LET YOU GET MEDICAL ATTENTION...

THERE HE IS, YOU IDIOTS! DESTROY MEGA MAN!

OH, COME ON. I JUST *SAVED* YOU!

BUT WE *DID* DESTROY MEGA MAN.

THAT WAS THE COPY ROBOT!

IF HE WAS A PERFECT COPY, ISN'T HE THE SAME THING?

YES! WAIT, NO! MAYBE! *ARGH!*

SOON...

--KZZT--
...MAN?
CAN YOU
READ ME?

DR. LIGHT!
YES, I CAN
HEAR YOU!

THANK
HEAVENS! ARE
YOU HURT? WHAT'S
HAPPENED
SINCE WE LOST
CONTACT?

I'M FINE!
I FREED
THE ROBOT
MASTERS
AND CAUGHT
DR. WILY.

YOU PUT IT SO
SIMPLY. BRAVO, ROCK!
NO, EXCUSE ME...

...WELL
DONE,
MEGA
MAN!

LIGHT LABS...

HE DID IT! HE DID IT!

HE'S GOING TO NEED ENERGY AND REPAIRS.

OOH! AND THE ROBOT MASTERS, TOO!

I'LL START GATHERING EVERY-THING.

AW. NOW, AIN'T SHE JUST SO CUTE AND PERKY?

QUITE.

DR. WILY ACTIVATED US FOR A REASON. WE MUST MOVE QUICKLY. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

AND SO ENDS MEGA MAN'S *FIRST ADVENTURE!* BUT *WHO ARE* THESE NEW *ROBOT MASTERS*, AND WHAT *EVIL* ARE THEY PLOTTING?
COME BACK HERE NEXT TIME FOR THE *ANSWERS* AND EVEN MORE *ADVENTURES!*

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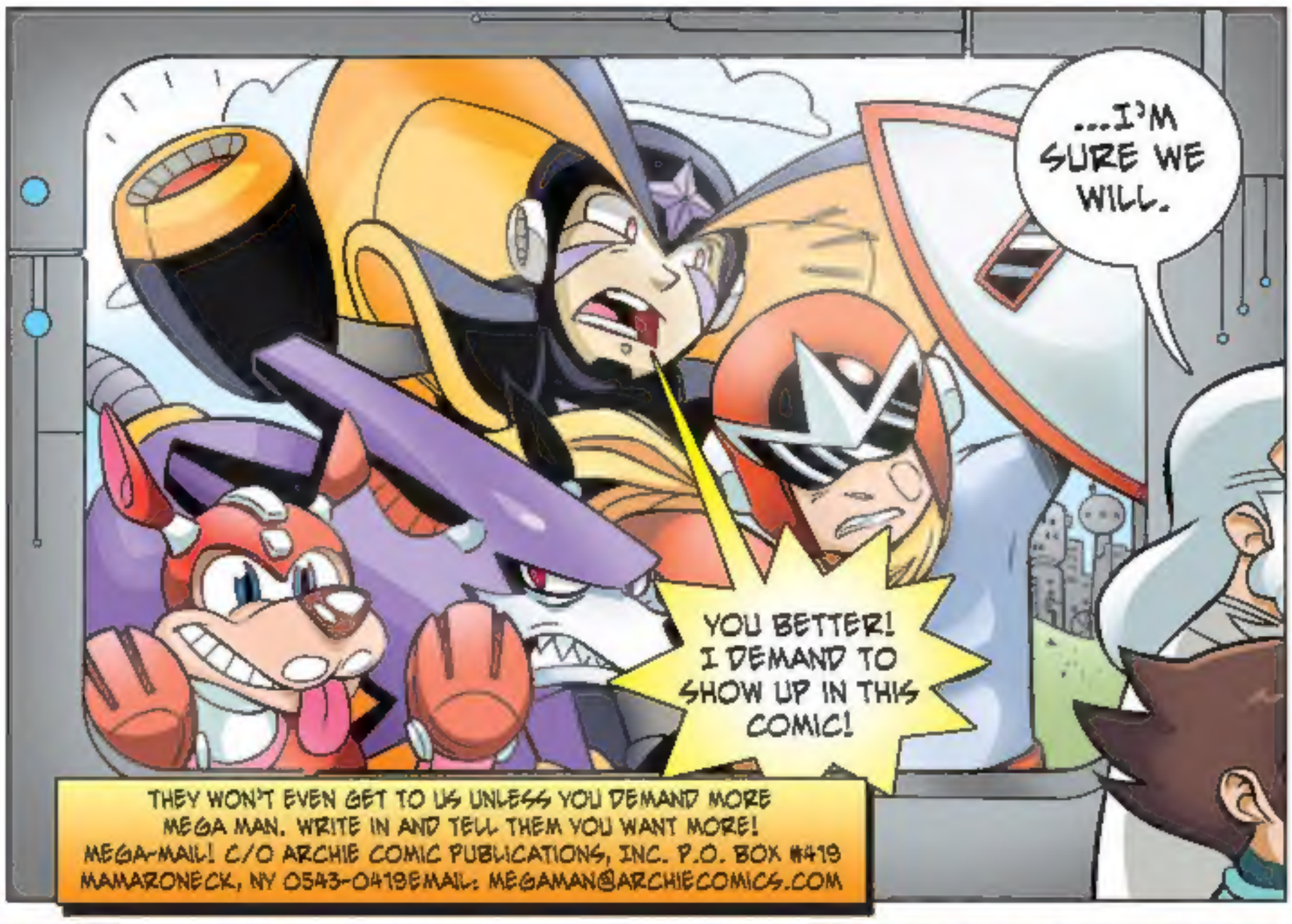
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